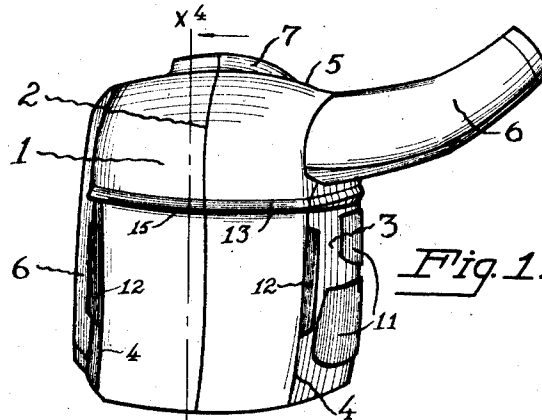
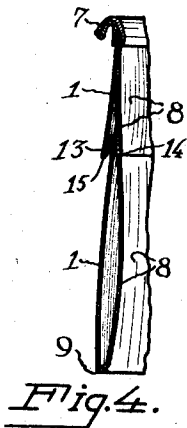
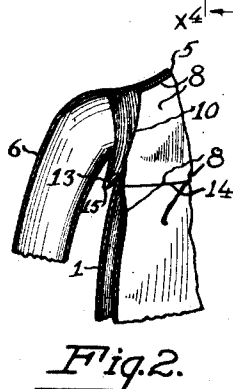
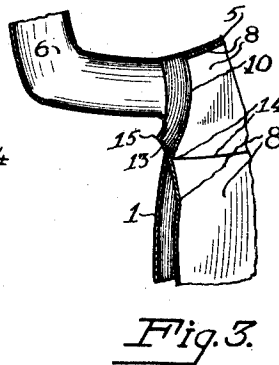
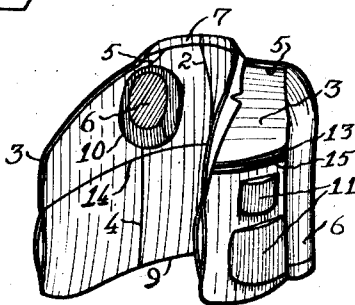


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To all whom it may concern:

Be it known that I, OLIVER E. FORSYTH, a citizen of the United States, residing at Los Angeles, in the county of Los Angeles and State of California, have invented new and useful Improvements in Garments, of which the following is a specification.

The present invention relates in general to garments, and more particularly to a coat or jacket which embodies novel features of construction whereby great freedom of movement is possible and the arms can be raised without undue binding of the garment even when the pockets are filled and heavily weighted by the contents thereof. The invention is particularly applicable to shooting or hunting jackets, since such garments are usually heavily weighted with ammunition, game, lunches and the like, with which the pockets are filled, and at the same time any undue binding or shoulder pull would interfere with a quick and effective handling of the gun when shooting and be very objectionable.

Further objects of the invention are to provide a coat or jacket of this character which can be produced just as cheaply as the ordinary coat, which provides a maximum amount of pocket space, and which effectively minimizes pull on the lower shoulders and enables the arms to be raised without undue binding of the garment, even when the pockets are filled to their capacity and the skirt portion of the coat is heavily weighted.

With these and other objects in view, the invention consists in certain combinations, arrangements and associations of the parts, as will more fully appear as the description proceeds, the novel features thereof being pointed out in the appended claims.

For a full understanding of the invention reference is to be had to the following description and accompanying drawings in which:

Figure 1 is a perspective view of an improved coat;

Fig. 2 is a fragmentary detail view of the improved coat showing a lining cut away and not seamed to the outer cloth back and sides of the coat at the shoulders, but with same seamed to and below a transverse fold of said outer cloth;

Fig. 3 is a view similar to Fig. 2, but

with an arm raised showing the effect upon the transverse fold;

Fig. 4 is a fragmentary sectional view of the coat taken on the line x^4-x^4 Fig. 1; and,

Fig. 5 is a perspective view of the coat showing the interior of same and the method of cutting away the lining where same surrounds the shoulders.

Corresponding and like parts are referred to in the following description and indicated in all of the views of the drawing by like reference characters.

Referring to the drawing which illustrates one possible embodiment of the invention, the numeral 1 designates the back of the coat which is illustrated as provided with the usual back seam 2. The front portions 3 are connected to the back portions by the side seams 4 and also by the shoulder seams 5, the sleeves 6 being stitched to the edges of the sleeve openings in the usual manner. The conventional collar is indicated at 7.

Both the front and back of the coat are provided with a lining 8 which is stitched to the lower edge of the skirt portion of the coat at 9. This lining extends upwardly to the collar 7, but is cut away at 10 to provide a large clearance for the sleeve openings of the coat. The openings provided in the lining by the cut-away portions 10 are considerably greater in size than the sleeve openings, and the edges of the said cut-away portions 10 are not stitched or secured to the coat, but are free. It will be observed that the lining is secured to the shoulder seams 5 at the ends thereof adjacent the collar 7, although there is no lining at the outer portions of the shoulders of the coat. The lining is secured in the usual manner to the edges of the front portions of the coat and also to the collar portion of the coat.

The front portions of the coat are provided with pockets 11, and a large pocket space is provided around the entire skirt portion of the coat between the outer fabric portions of the coat and the lining thereof, access to this large pocket portion being obtained through the pocket openings 12 provided at the two side seams 4. A very large amount of pocket space is thus provided, and when the pockets are filled with shells, game and the like, a very heavy aggregate weight is frequently provided which must be supported from the shoulders and with

the ordinary coat construction will tend to bind and interfere with the free arm movement which is necessary to quick and accurate shooting.

5 According to the present invention the back and front portions of the outer fabric thickness of the coat are provided with a loose fold 13 which is transversely disposed and is preferably arranged just below the
10 sleeves. This loose fold is shown as having the inner and upper edge portion thereof stitched at 14 to the lining 8, while the lower and outer edge thereof is stitched at 15 to maintain the crease and enable the fold to
15 lie substantially flat and assume a folded condition under ordinary circumstances. With this construction it will be obvious that all of the weight from the contents of the pockets will be transmitted to the shoulder
20 of the coat through the portion of the lining 8 above the transversely extending fold 13, and it will be remembered that this lining is provided with large clearance openings or cut-away portions 10 at the
25 sleeve openings of the coat. The sleeves and outer portions of the shoulders of the coat have no direct connection with the lining, and any binding or shoulder pull which might otherwise be noticed when raising the
30 arms will be prevented by the provision of the folds 13, since any such pull will merely result in moving the lower edge of the fold 13 upwardly and unfolding the same. With this construction the entire outer fabric
35 thickness of the coat which is above the fold 13 can have a limited movement in an upward direction without raising the lower portion of the coat and lifting the weight of the contents of the pockets. This weight
40 is effectively supported from the collar and upper portions of the shoulder seams by means of the lining, although it does not interfere with the free movement of the arms and produce a pull on the lower shoulders or an objectionable binding when the
45 arms are raised upwardly. The fold 13 is normally closed or in a folded condition, although when the arms of the wearer are swung upwardly the fold will open up as
50 may be necessary to minimize the binding or pull.

While I have illustrated and described one particular embodiment of the invention it will be understood that modifications and

changes can be made in the details of construction without departing in any manner from the spirit of the invention.

What I claim and desire to secure by Letters Patent is:

1. A coat including a body portion and 60 sleeves, the body portion being provided with a loose fold which is arranged transversely under the sleeves, said fold being adapted to open when the arms are raised to minimize shoulder pull, and means for 65 supporting the weight of the portion of the coat below the loose fold directly from the collar and upper shoulders.

2. A coat provided with sleeves and having a loose fold arranged transversely in the 70 body portion of the coat under the sleeves to open up and minimize pull on the shoulder, a lining being provided which extends from the collar to the inner portion of the loose folds and carries the weight from the 75 skirt portion of the coat which is below the fold to the collar.

3. A coat formed with sleeves and provided below the sleeves with a loose fold which extends transversely around the body of the 80 coat and is adapted to open up to minimize pull on the lower shoulders, and a lining cut away at the sleeves and secured to the lower portion of the coat so as to support the weight of the skirt portion of the coat which 85 is below the transverse fold.

4. A coat formed with sleeves and having a loose fold extending transversely around the coat under the sleeves, said fold being adapted to open up to minimize pull on the 90 lower shoulders, a lining being provided which coöperates with the skirt portion of the coat to provide a pocket and extends upwardly to the collar of the coat, said lining being cut away to provide large clearance openings at the sleeves of the coat and being secured to the lower portion of the coat so that the weight in the pocket space is supported by the upper portion of the lining and the loose fold is free to open up 100 when the arms are raised.

In testimony whereof, I have signed my name to this specification in the presence of two subscribing witnesses.

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